# RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION, LEGAL SEPARATION OR NULLITY

Note: you (the Respondent) have 30 days from the date of service to file a Response with the required Proof of Service form attached.

# 3 STEPS:

# STEP 1. COMPLETING THE PAPERWORK.



# STEP 2. SERVING THE DOCUMENTS.



# STEP 3. FILING THE FORMS AND PROOF OF SERVICE.

# RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION, LEGAL SEPARATION OR NULLITY (CONTINUED)

# STEP 1. COMPLETING THE PAPERWORK

STAND	ARD FORMS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED
☐ Form	m FL-120, <b>Response</b> (2 pages)
□ Form	m FL-335, <b>Proof of Service by Mail</b> (2 pages)
□ or	. Form FL-330, <b>Proof of Personal Service</b> (2 pages)
If min	or children (under 18 years old) are involved:
	Form FL-105/GC120, Declaration Under Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and
	Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) (2 pages)
	Use <u>only</u> if there are minor children involved
	Form FL-105.3c Attachment to Declaration Under Uniform Child Jurisdiction and
	Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) (1 page) [Use this form if more than 2 children are
	involved in this case]

### MAKE TWO COPIES OF ALL FORMS USED

Make two (2) copies of all forms used. One (1) copy of each form will be served on your spouse (**see Step 2**). You will submit the original and one (1) copy to the Clerk who will keep the original and return your copy to you (**see Step 3**).

The forms can be typed or completed in **black ink**, neatly and clearly.

# RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION, LEGAL SEPARATION OR NULLITY (CONTINUED)

# STEP 2. SERVING THE DOCUMENTS

SERVE ON YOUR SPOUSE ONE COPY OF ALL FORMS USED:					
□ Form FL-120,	Response (2 pages)				
□ Form FL-105/	GC120, Declaration Under Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and				
	Act (UCCJEA) (2 pages) (Only if minor children are involved)				
Enforcement A this case]	ct (UCCJEA) (1 page) [Use this form if more than 2 children are involved				
	Note: All of these documents must be delivered to your spouse (the Petitioner) by someone other than				

# HAVE THE SERVER COMPLETE THE 'PROOF OF SERVICE' FORM:

The person who serves the documents must then complete and sign the Proof of Service form, listing every document that was served:

□ Form FL-330, Proof of Personal Service (2 pages)

or... □ Form FL-335, Proof of Service by Mail (2 pages)

# RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION, LEGAL SEPARATION OR NULLITY (CONTINUED)

# STEP 3. FILING THE FORMS AND PROOF OF SERVICE

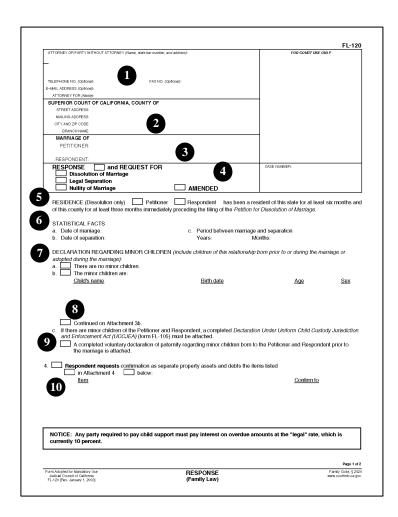
Note: you (the Respondent) have 30 days from the date the petition was served to you to file a Response with the required Proof of Service form attached.

#### SUBMIT FORMS & FILING FEES TO THE CLERK:

Submit to the Clerk the original and 1 copy of all forms used.
Submit the First Filing Fee, unless you qualify for a "fee waiver." (See Fee Waiver packet.)
The Clerk will file-stamp the copy.
The Clerk will keep the original of all forms used and will return the filed copy to you.

Note: all documents that must be filed **can be filed at any of the following locations**:

- The Clerk's Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Downtown Courthouse
- Any of the outlying courts in Fresno County



## How to fill out

# RESPONSE (FL-120)

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Find the number on the sample form. *Example:* •
- Go to the same number below to find out how to fill out the form.
- Type or print in black ink.
- ▶ If you know the CASE NUMBER fill it in. If not known, eave it blank.

- Write your name and address. Write your phone, fax, and email address if want to.
- 2 If not done for you, write "Fresno" after COUNTY OF. The address is: 1100 Van Ness Ave., Fresno CA 93724-0002. The Branch Name is: Central Branch.
- **3** Write the name of the persons in the marriage. YOU are the "respondent" and your spouse (husband or wife) is the "petitioner."
- 4 Check box any of the boxes that apply. "Dissolution of Marriage" means divorce; "Legal Separation" means living apart but not divorced; "Nullity of Marriage" means the marriage should not have happened because of special reasons (see on page two). "Amended" means you want to make changes to a form you already filed with the court.
- **5** This is only for divorce cases. Check Respondent if you have lived in California for at least six months, and in Fresno County for at least three months.
- **6** Write the date you were married, the date you separated (started living apart), and the number of years and months between the time you were married and the time you started living apart.
- Check a. if you and your spouse have no children <u>under age 18</u>. Check b. if you and your spouse <u>have</u> children under 18 (born to you or adopted). List the children's names, their birthdays, age, and if a boy or girl.
- 8 If you need more space to write the children's names, check the box "Continued on Attachment 3b."
- **9** If there are children under 18 from the marriage, you must also fill out the form talked about in c. Check d. if you are attaching a declaration of paternity (who the father is). This is done for children born <u>before</u> the marriage.
- "Separate property" means things bought <u>before</u> the marriage or <u>after</u> the husband and wife separated. Debts (money owed) can also be separate property. Check "below" and list separate property under <u>Item.</u> Write Petitioner or Respondent under <u>Confirm to</u>. If you need more space check "in Attachment 4." Use another piece of paper and write Attachment 4 on it.

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# RESPONSE (FL-120)

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#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Find the number on the sample form. *Example:* 15
- Go to the same number below to find out how to fill out the form.
- Type or print in black ink.
- ▶ If you know the CASE NUMBER fill it in. If not known, leave it blank.
- Write the names (last, first) of the parties in the marriage. (*I.e. Smith v. Smith*)
- 12 Check: a. if you and your spouse have no assets (property) or debts (money you owe),
  - b. if you already have a written agreement, or
  - c. if you have not yet divided (separated) assets and debts.

Write assets and debts in the space provided and check "below" OR check "in Attachment 5c" if you need more space (use another piece of paper and write Attachment 5c at the top). List all property and debts you and your spouse got together or alone during the marriage. It does not have to be listed as "joint" property.

- (Respondent) believe that you and your spouse might get back together.
- Check if you say that *item #6 of the petition form* (your spouse's reason why the marriage should end) is not correct.
- Check a. (1) for a divorce. Check b. (1) for a legal separation. Check c. for a Nullity and either (1) or (2) (most check #2).
- Check all boxes for what you want the court to decide, but only one box for each line: "Petitioner" (your spouse), "Respondent" (you), or "Joint" (both share).
  - For c. you can check either box if you want the other party to visit, or check both boxes if parents are going to share the same amount of time with the child.
  - If you have other items you want the court to decide, write them on a separate piece of paper. Write Attachment 9j at the top of this page.
- There is nothing to fill out, but you should read carefully.
- Type or print your name on the left, and sign your name on the right (signature of respondent). Also put in the date (see where circled above).

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# How to fill out DECLARATION UNDER UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY

Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (FL-105)

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- Find the number on the sample form. *Example:*
- Go to the same number below to find out how to fill out the form.
- ▶ Type or print in black ink.
- If you know the CASE NUMBER fill it in. If not known, leave it blank.
- **①** Write your name, your mailing address, and telephone number (if any).
- 2 If not filled in for you, put in address. Write "Fresno" after COUNTY OF.
- Write Petitioner's last name v. Respondent's last name. *Example: Smith v. Smith*. You are the "Petitioner" if you have <u>started</u> a case. You are the "Respondent" if <u>another person started a case against you</u>.
- Check this box if you do not want to write your current address for reasons of safety. Fill in the number of children from the marriage (minor children under age 18)
- **6** For the first child, fill in their first and last name.
- **6** Fill in city and state the child was born in.
- The child's date of birth (month, day, year)
- **8** If the child is a boy, write M for male. If the child is a girl, write F for female.

#### For 9) through 12) give information from current (now) to later for the past 5 years:

- **9** The beginning and ending date the child lived at the address (from <u>when</u> to <u>when</u>).
- The child's current address is at the top, then the next last place the child lived, etc. *If you do not want to write where the child lives now for safety reasons, check "confidential" and do not list address.*
- Name of person (an adult) the child lives or lived with at the addresses you list.
- Relationship means how the child is related to the adult. For example, mother or father.
- Check the box below the second child's name ("Resident information is the same ...") if the information above is the same for this child. If you check this box you do not have to complete the boxes below.
- 14 For more children, check the box and fill out Attachment 3c.

SHORT TITLE:		CASE NUMBER:
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a. Name of each child:	17	
b. Capacity of declarant: party c. Court (specify name, state, location):	witness other (specify):	
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d. Status of proceeding:		
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Name of each child	Name of each child	Name of each child
I declare under penalty of perjury under the l Date:	aws of the State of California that the foregoi	ng is true and correct.
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NOTICE TO DECLARANT: You have a co	ontinuing duty to inform this court if you can a Calif	btain any information about a custody eming a child subject to this proceeding
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# DECLARATION (FL-105)

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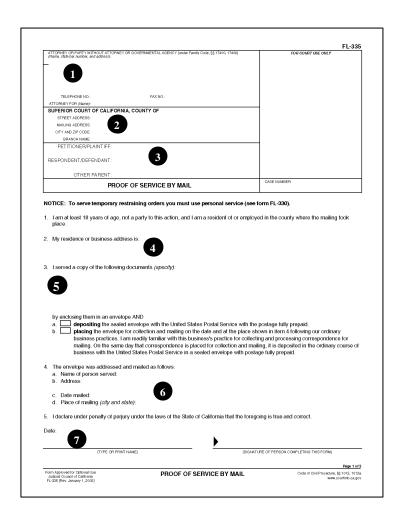
- Find the number on the sample form. *Example:* 16
- Go to the same number below to find out how to fill out the form.
- Type or print in black ink.
- ▶ If you know the CASE NUMBER fill it in. If not known, leave it blank.

- Write Petitioner's last name v. Respondent's last name. Example: Smith v. Smith
- Check yes if you have ever been part of any legal case (in California or anywhere else) for custody of any child in this case.
  - If you check yes, fill out a. through d.
  - "Capacity of Declarant" asks if were you part of the case, a witness (called to testify/speak about the case), or in some other way involved.
- Check yes if you know something about any pending (waiting for decision) custody case involving any child in this case.
  - If yes, fill out a. through d.
  - "Nature of proceeding" means type of case.
  - In "Status of proceeding" write what is now happening.
- Give information about any person (other than you or your spouse) that the child lives with now, or thinks that they have custody or visiting rights.
- 20 Type or print your name (first, middle, last) on the line to the left, sign your name on the right.
- Write in the number of pages that follow this one if you used any added pages to give more information.

# **DECLARATION** (FL-105) – Attachment 3c

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Use this page if there are more than 2 children. Fill out the same way you did for the first two children. Ask for more forms if needed.



# How to fill out

# PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL (Family Law) FL-335

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- Find a number on the sample form. *Example:* ①
- Go to the same number below to find out how to fill out the form
- ▶ Type or print in black ink
- ▶ If you know the CASE NUMBER fill it in. If not known, leave it blank.

*NOTE:* the person serving the papers will use this form if they <u>mailed</u> the papers.

- **1** Write your name, address, and telephone number.
- 2 If not filled in for you, write "Fresno" after COUNTY OF. The address is: 1100 Van Ness Ave., Fresno CA 93724-0002. The Branch Name is: Central Branch.
- Write the names of the parties. You are "Petitioner" if you started the case. You are "Respondent" if you did not.
- Write the home or business address of the person who will serve the papers.
- **6** Write the names of the papers served. (For example, "Notice of Motion.")
- **6** Write the name and address of the person to whom the papers were mailed exactly as it was written on the envelope.
  - Write the date the envelope was mailed, and the city and state from which it was mailed.
- The person who mailed the papers will write the date at the bottom of the page, print his/her name, and sign his/her name.

#### INFORMATION SHEET FOR PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

Use these instructions to complete the Proof of Service by Mail (form FL-335).

A person at least 18 years of age or older must serve the documents. There are two ways to serve documents: (1) personal delivery and (2) by mail. See the *Proof of Personal Service* (form FL-330) if the documents are being personally served. The person who serves the documents must complete a proof of service form for the documents being served. You cannot serve documents if you are a party to the action.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PERSON WHO SERVES THE DOCUMENTS (TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK)

You must complete a proof of service for each package of documents you serve. For example, if you serve the Respondent and the Other Parent, you must complete two proofs of service, one for the Respondent and one for the Other Parent.

Complete the top section of the proof of service forms as follows:
First box, left side: In this box print the name, address, and phone number of the person for whom you are serving the documents.

Second box, left side: Print the name of the county in which the legal action is filed and the court's address in this box. Use

Second box, left side: Print the names of the Court hat is on the documents you are serving.

Third box, left side: Print the names of the Petitioner/Plaintiff, Respondent/Defendant, and Other Parent in this box. Use the same names listed on the documents you are serving.

First box, top of form, right side: Leave this box blank for the court's use.

Second box, right side: Print the case number in this box. This number is also stated on the documents you are serving.

#### You cannot serve a temporary restraining order by mail. You must serve those documents by personal service.

- You are stating that you are at least 18 years old and that you are not a party to this action. You are also stating that you either live in or are employed in the county where the mailing took place.
   Print your home or business address.
   List the name of each document that you mailed (the exact names are listed on the bottoms of the forms).
   Check this box if you put the documents in the regular U.S. mail.
   b. Check this box if you put the documents in the mail at your place of employment.

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   A. Print the name you put on the envelope containing the documents.
   D. Print the address you put on the envelope containing the documents.
   Write in the date that you put the envelope containing the documents in the mail.
   Write in the city and state you were in when you mailed the envelope containing the documents.
   You are stating under penalty of perjury that the information you have provided is true and correct.

#### Print your name, fill in the date, and sign the form.

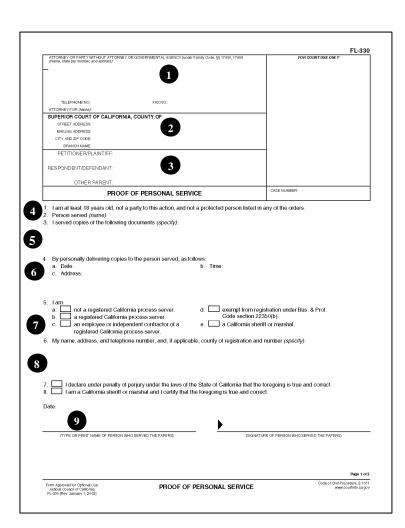
If you need additional assistance with this form, contact the Family Law Facilitator in your county.

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

# PROOF OF SERVICE **BY MAIL** (Family Law) **FL-335**

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There is nothing to fill out on this page, but you should read these instructions.



## How to fill out

# PROOF OF PERSONAL SERVICE (Family Law) FL-330

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- Find a number on the sample form. *Example:* ①
- Go to the same number below to find out how to fill out the form
- ▶ Type or print in black ink
- If you know the CASE NUMBER fill it in. If not known, leave it blank.

*NOTE:* the person serving the papers will use this form if they <u>personally</u> served the papers.

- **1** Write your name, address, and telephone number.
- 2 If not filled in for you, write "Fresno" after COUNTY OF. The address is: 1100 Van Ness Ave., Fresno CA 93724-0002. The Branch Name is: Central Branch.
- Write the names of the parties. You are the "Petitioner" if you started the case. You are the "Respondent" if you did not.

The rest of this form is filled out by the person who serves the party for you. You can't serve the other party yourself. Someone who is over the age of 18 must PERSONALLY serve the other party. That person will complete the rest of this PROOF OF SERVICE.

- **4** Write the name of the person served.
- **6** Write the names and numbers of the papers served. (For example, "Notice of Motion.")
- **6** Write in the date, address and time the papers were served.
- **1** Check box a., "not a registered California process server."
- **3** Write the name, address and telephone number of the person who served the papers.
- **9** The person who mailed the papers will write the date at the bottom of the page, print his/her name, and sign his/her name.

#### INFORMATION SHEET FOR PROOF OF PERSONAL SERVICE

Use these instructions to complete the Proof of Personal Service (form FL-330).

A person at least 18 years of age or older must serve the documents. There are two ways to serve documents: (1) personal delivery and (2) by mail. See the *Proof of Service by Mail* (form FL-335) if the documents are being served by mail. The person who serves the documents must complete a proof of service form for the documents being served. **You cannot serve documents if you are a party to the action.** 

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PERSON WHO SERVES THE DOCUMENTS (TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK)

You must complete a proof of service for each package of documents you serve. For example, if you serve the Respondent and the Other Parent, you must complete two proofs of service, one for the Respondent and one for the Other Parent.

Complete the top section of the proof of service forms as follows:
First box, left side: In this box print the name, address, and phone number of the person for whom you are serving the documents.

Second box, left side: Print the name of the county in which the legal action is filed and the court's address in this box. Use

Second box, left side: Print the names of the Court hat is on the documents you are serving.

Third box, left side: Print the names of the Petitioner/Plaintiff, Respondent/Defendant, and Other Parent in this box. Use the same names listed on the documents you are serving.

First box, top of form, right side: Leave this box blank for the court's use.

Second box, right side: Print the case number in this box. This number is also stated on the documents you are serving.

- 1. You are stating that you are over the age of 18 and that you are neither a party of this action nor a protected person listed in any of the orders.

  2. Print the name of the party to whom you handed the documents.

  3. List the name of each document that you delivered to the party.

  4. a. Write in the date that you delivered the documents to the party.

  5. Write in the time of day that you delivered the documents to the party.

  6. Print the address where you delivered the documents.

  7. Check the box that applies to you. If you are a private person serving the documents for a party, check box "a."

  8. Print your name, address, and telephone number. If applicable, include the county in which you are registered as a process server and your registation number.

- process server and your registration number.

  7. You must check this box if you are not a California sheriff or marshal. You are stating under penalty of perjury that the information you have provided is the and correct.
- Do not check this box unless you are a California sheriff or marshal.

#### Print your name, fill in the date, and sign the form.

If you need additional assistance with this form, contact the Family Law Facilitator in your county.

PROOF OF PERSONAL SERVICE

# **PROOF OF** PERSONAL SERVICE (Family Law) FL-330

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There is nothing to fill out on this page, but you should read these instructions.